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Public Needed to help Plan Visitor Center Exhibits – Annadel State Park

California State Parks is hosting an interpretive planning meeting as part of their effort to develop an exhibit plan concept for the developing visitor center in Annadel State Park. The park's neighbors and visitors are being sought to provide input, ideas and advice during a facilitated planning session on Tuesday, January 12th in the McDougall Building at the Sonoma Developmental Center in Eldridge, CA <http://dds.ca.gov/Sonoma/Directions.cfm> The session will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

An independent facilitator and professional interpretive planning consultant will guide the group through a series of collaborative brainstorming and visioning exercises designed to gather information needed to ensure successful visitor experiences at the new facility.

The goals of the planning session include determining:

- What significant stories and interpretive themes should be communicated in the visitor center?
- How can the content and design of the new visitor center best address the needs and interests of the diverse users of Annadel State Park?
- What agency-related messages, including public safety/resource protection messages, should be communicated in the visitor center?
- Are there maintenance, staffing and other operational issues that should be considered in planning the public use of the visitor center?
- What types of exhibits and other interpretive media would be best suited for use at the visitor center?

The visitor center, which went under construction last spring, is being built entirely on donations. So far they've received \$100,000 and will need an additional \$60,000 for this year's completion.

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